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Application No.: 10/063,793  
Docket No.: 8192-US-PA

### **REMARKS**

#### **Present Status of the Application**

The Office Action rejected Claims 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 20, 23, and 28 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mowatt et al.(US-6,400,573 A1)

In addition, Claims 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 20, 23, and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Fillion et al. (US-5,315,486)

Furthermore, Claims 1, 3-5, 8, 10-12, 15, 18-20, 23-25, and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wachtler et al. (US-6,274,391 B1)

Claims 2, 6-7, 9, 13-14, 16, 17, 21-22, 26, 27, and 29-30 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. However, based upon the amendments to Claims 1, 8, 15, and 23, the aforementioned objections are moot.

Claims 1 and 15 are further objected to because of minor informalities; therefore, proper amendments have been made to Claims 1 & 15 to overcome the aforementioned claim objections.

Based upon the aforementioned claim amendments, Claims 1-30 are patentable over the aforementioned cited references.

#### **Discussion of Office Action Rejections**

*The Office Action has rejected Claims 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 20, 23, and 28 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mowatt et al.(US-6,400,573 A1, hereinafter "Mowatt")*

Regarding Claims 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 20, 23, and 28, the amendments to Claims 1, 8, 15, and 23

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allow Claims 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 20, 23, and 28 to be patentable over Mowatt, and should be allowed.

*The Office Action has rejected Claims 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 20, 23, and 28 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by by Fillion et al. (US-5,315,486, hereinafter "Fillion")*

Regarding Claims 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 20, 23, and 28, the amendments to Claims 1, 8, 15, and 23 allow Claims 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 20, 23, and 28 to be patentable over Fillion, and should be allowed.

*The Office Action has rejected Claims 1, 3-5, 8, 10-12, 15, 18-20, 23-25, and 28 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wachtler et al. (US-6,274,391 B1, hereinafter "Wachtler")*

Regarding Claims 1, 3-5, 8, 10-12, 15, 18-20, 23-25, and 28, the amendments to Claims 1, 8, 15, and 23 allow Claims 1, 3-5, 8, 10-12, 15, 18-20, 23-25, and 28 to be patentable over Wachtler, and should be allowed.

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### CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that all the pending Claims 1-30 of the invention patently define over the prior art and are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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